

E.S. GM2/c

C-201 in bunk by Sick Bay. Knocked to deck by explosion. Put on foul weather jacket and life belt, went topside. Manned battle station. Launched life net aft of 40. was between 0850 and 0855. Believes Meece and Lesnick, signalmen were on watch and went down together, Lesnick trying to save Meece. Rittenhouse reports Burr FC2/c died in his arms on life raft.

DeAngelis A. S1/c

In C201. Heard explosion, got jacket, went topside. Manned battle station. Went to fantail and abandoned ship. Believe torpedo hit below stack about 0900. R.K. White set all depth charges on "safe".

Pillsbury R.S. S1/c

Torpedo hit at 0855 by my stopped watch. Was manning hedge hog at the time. Wearing H/H phones. Originally on ready gun. Got order to man H/H. Was doing same when torpedo hit. H/H crew were: Williams C.M. S1/c, Papallo BM2/c, Mr Downing, Keith S2/c. Saw Mr. McWhorter dead on Gun 2. Believe he was C.O.D. After torpedo hit threw over #2 life net and abandoned ship.

Mr. Minard (Asst Comm Officer)

Was in C.I.C. Course was 305, speed 16.8 knots. Got sound contact 0833. Initial contact was 45 degrees relative off the starboard bow, range about 2200 yards. Lost contact. Mr. McWhorter turned about and went after contact. Regained contact at 088 degrees True, distance 1100 yards. Closed range to 650 yards. Original contact had low doppler. Mr. Astrin, Mr. Bambauer, Floren, Seavy, and Rex in Combat. When torpedo hit, C.I.C. crumpled, lights went out, filled with smoke. Went out of Combat, went into Pilot House and dragged off Musick who had both legs broken. Believe Musick later died. Could not rescue any others. Waited until bridge settled and floated off to life raft. McWhorter and the Captain were on bridge. Believe torpedo hit in B-1 and Mess Hall.

Pillsbury

Believe Wosinski A.Q. Signalman 3/c deserves special mention. Held up dying man when he was so weak that himself that he eventually died. Petty E.L. ship fitter 1/c helped try to save the life of Musick who eventually drowned. Petty now dead. Meece signalman 2/c dragged Burr to life raft. Burr now dead. Had no life jacket.

Harvey G.W. Cox

On ladder to C203. Manned battle station, got life jacket, abandoned ship. Torpedo hit at 0845.

T. T3/c

doors closed. Went out to boat deck. Jacques was out on deck in dazed condition, trying to put whaleboat over by self. I put life jacket on him. Grabbed life jacket myself and went down to twin 40 where Shorty Harrison put life jacket on me (couldn't put on my own life jacket because of broken collar bone). At time I jumped main deck was under water. Jumped from boat deck. Was on raft with Mr. Lunderberg, Chief Speaker, Williams etc.

Garnett O. S1/c

In passageway aft of after head by hatch to C-202. Harrison and Loos were there with me. Tried to get out port hatch but couldn't because it was jammed. Starboard hatch looked from outside because it was broken. Went forward through head and starboard hatch. Machine shop was full of smoke and flames; deck was split open in machine shop and in passageway by Ship's Service Store. Men were lying around in Machine Shop. No indication of fire in B-4. Believe Clipping room by Machine Shop was on fire. Went up to boat deck and out life rafts over. GOT life jackets over and went to battle station by the after Mark 51 director. Went to fantail. Checked the depth charges and found them on "Safe". Abandoned ship.

Preston R. StM1/C (Further Account of)

Brown and Gantry were asleep at the time torpedo hit. Baker was just getting up. Hamlin had gotten up and was getting breakfast. Hamlin was probably in ice machine room.

Pillsbury (Further Account of)

I wore the H/H phonew. Was told to stand by H/H, pull pins, standby to fire.

Casey E.A. MMS3/c

Just getting into bunk in C-2-2. GOT Thrown on deck. Went up double hatch to C-202. Tried to put down hatch with Carper but hatch was all warped; got it down but couldn't dog it. Went out port side. Threw life net. Only two I remember on deck starboard side were "Peewee" Williams and Chief White. White was trying to get Williams over the side. ~~xxxxxxx~~ I was on raft with Kincaid, Huntley. Everybody on raft got out all right.

Grunlund H.J. Coxswain

In After Steering. Knocked around by force of explosion. Tried to go up from scuttle of after steering room. Scuttle was jammed. Went out to C-203, went up hatch there. Helped out life raft on port depth charge rack looss. Abandoned ship. On raft with Lawrence, Meece, Palumbo. Fantail watch was: White R.K., Burr, Alexander, O'Tools.

Bika

Dukes B.G. S1/c